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SUBJECT: KRSKO NUCLEAR REACTOR HARTMAN-BELOVSKI MEETING
OF DECEMBER 3

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1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN PRESENTED AIDE-MEMOIRE ON
KRSKO NUCLEAR REACTOR EXPORT LICENSE (TEXT SENT SEPTTEL)
TO AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI DURING MEETING DECEMBER 3. HARTMAN
REVIEWED EXTENSIVE US CONCERN OVER NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS,
REFERRING TO CONGRESSIONAL SENTIMENT ON THIS MATTER AS
WELL AS PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON NUCLEAR POLICY, AND
POINTED OUT THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAVE COME TO EXPRESS
SIMILAR CONCERNS. OUR REQUEST TO THE GOY FOR THE ASSURANCES
IN THE AIDE-MEMOIRE WAS IN NO WAY DISCRIMINATORY, HE
ASSURED BELOVSKI, ADDING THAT WE WOULD BE DEALING IN SAME
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MANNER WITH ALL OTHER RECIPIENTS OF US NUCLEAR MATERIALS.

HARTMAN ALSO EMPHASIZED US INTEREST IN BEING RECOGNIZED BY OTHER COUNTRIES AS RELIABLE SUPPLIER OF NUCLEAR REACTORS AND FUEL, AND UNDERLINED THAT WE WERE SEEKING A LONG-TERM NUCLEAR SUPPLY ARRANGEMENT WITH YUGOSLAVIA.

2. BELOVSKI LIMITED HIS RESPONSE TO BASICALLY TWO QUESTIONS: DID THIS REQUEST FOR ASSURANCES APPLY TO ALL RECIPIENTS OR WAS IT AIMED ONLY AT EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES; AND WAS THERE PRECEDENT FOR WHAT WE WERE ASKING OF YUGOSLAVIA IN OUR ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES? HARTMAN ASSURED BELOVSKI OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY NATURE OF OUR REQUEST, NOTING IN PASSING THAT ONLY ONE COUNTRY TO WHICH WE HAD AGREED TO SUPPLY NUCLEAR REACTOR WAS YUGOSLAVIA. HE ALSO REFERRED TO THE MORE THAN TWENTY US BILATERAL AGREEMENTS IN FORCE WHICH HAVE SIMILAR ASSURANCE PROVISIONS. (COPY OF US-SPANISH BILATERAL AGREEMENT OF MARCH 20, 1974 WAS GIVEN BELOVSKI FOLLOWING MEETING AS EXAMPLE.) BELOVSKI SUGGESTED THAT, IF INDEED THE REQUEST WAS NEITHER DISCRIMINATORY NOR PRECEDENT SETTING, THERE SHOULD NOT BE GREAT DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING BELGRADE'S AGREEMENT.

3. HARTMAN ASKED BELOVSKI IF IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO MAKE FOLLOW-UP APPROACH IN BELGRADE AND/OR ZAGREB WITH FEDERAL AND REPUBLIC AUTHORITIES. BELOVSKI REPLIED THAT HE SAW NO NEED SINCE AIDE-MEMOIRE AND HARTMAN'S COMMENTS WOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO BOTH FEDERAL AND REPUBLIC AUTHORITIES. HE ALSO REFERRED TO UPCOMING VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA BY NUS OFFICIALS AND IMPLIED THAT YUGOSLAVS WOULD SEEK BRIEFING FROM THEM. (COMMENT. AS EMBASSY AND CONSULATE GENERAL AWARE, NUS IS US AGENT FOR KRSKO ASSOCIATION. SINCE NUS PRESIDENT JONES WAS BRIEFED RECENTLY IN GENERAL TERMS BY DEPARTMENT OFFICER ON OUR PLANNED APPROACH TO GOY, AND IN VIEW OF HIS UNDERSTANDING OF US NEED FOR RETRANSFER AND REPROCESSING ASSURANCES, HE MAY BE HELPFUL TO US DURING HIS MEETINGS WITH YUGOSLAV, SLOVENIAN AND CROATIAN OFFICIALS, WHICH BEGIN MONDAY.)

4. DEPARTMENT WILL POUCH FULL MEMCON. KISSINGER

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